

43. (amended) A tube for implantation into the eye for replacement conduction of aqueous humor from the chambers of the eyeball to the subconjunctival tissue and ultimately the venous system, comprising: an elongated fluid conducting conduit having distal and proximate ends, a sidewall and an interior passageway and at least one longitudinally extending opening in the sidewall that exposes the interior passageway; and at least one nidi-forming means carried by the conduit and extending laterally therefrom to implement the formation of at least one aqueous filtration bleb in the tissue of the eyeball.
44. (amended) The tube of claim 43 and further comprising at least one releasable ligature circumscribing the conduit.
45. (amended) The tube of claim 44 wherein a releasable ligature is disposed intermediate the longitudinal sidewall openings.
46. (amended) The tube of claim 43 wherein the at least one longitudinally extending opening in the sidewall is substantially diametrical.
47. (amended) The tube of claim 43 and further comprising anchoring means appended to the conduit to prevent the conduit from migrating from its placement site.
48. (amended) The tube of claim 46, wherein the anchor means comprises a plurality of conduit furcations.
49. (amended) The tube of claim 48 wherein the furcations are disposed at the distal end of the conduit.

50. (amended) The tube of claim 43 where the laterally extending nidiforming means comprise partially detached longitudinal strips of the conduit having a free end and a fixed end, the later being attached to the conduit.

51. (amended) The tube of claim 43 where the laterally extending nidiforming means is detachable from the implant.

AMEND ABSTRACT AS FOLLOWS: (A marked up version of the amended abstract is attached on a separate sheet following the REMARKS section of this response.

A tube for implantation into the eye for replacement conduction of aqueous humor from the chambers of the eyeball to the subconjunctival tissue and ultimately to the venous system is comprised of an elongated fluid conducting conduit having distal and proximate ends, a sidewall and an interior passageway and at least one longitudinally extending opening in the sidewall that exposes the interior passageway and at least one nidi-forming structure carried by the conduit and extending laterally therefrom to implement the formation of at least one aqueous filtration bleb in the tissue of the eyeball. In one embodiment, the tube also contains at least one releasable ligature circumscribing the conduit. In another embodiment, the tube also contains an anchor appended to the conduit to prevent it from migrating from its placement site.